

**DECLARATION  
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PATENT APPLICATION**

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**Production of Capsules and Particles for Improvement of Food Products**

*(Title of Invention)*

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